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In re the Application of

Minoru KATAYAMA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2856

Application No.: 09/690,590

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For: SURFACE TEXTURE MEASURING MACHINE, LEVELING DEVICE FOR SURFACE TEXTURE MEASURING MACHINE AND ORIENTATION-ADJUSTING METHOD OF WORKPIECE OF SURFACE TEXTURE MEASURING MACHINE

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Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicants hereby request continued examination and entry and consideration of the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 filed herewith. The above-identified application was filed on or after June 8, 1995. Thus, entry is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(d).

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Sir:

Prior to continued examination, in reply to the August 8, 2002, Office Action and the interview held October 29, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 4 and 8 as follows:

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*SP*

1. (Twice Amended) A surface texture measuring machine for measuring a surface texture of a workpiece held on a workpiece orientation adjustment stage, the workpiece having an edge line, the workpiece orientation adjustment stage being movable in a measurement direction (X-axis direction) and in a direction (Y-axis direction) orthogonal with the X-axis direction within a horizontal plane and rotatable in a X-Y plane, the workpiece orientation adjustment stage being capable of seesawing in a direction (Z-axis direction) orthogonal with the X-axis direction within a perpendicular plane, and the surface texture of the workpiece being scanned by a sensor movable in the X-axis direction after adjusting orientation of the workpiece orientation adjustment stage, the surface texture measuring machine comprising:

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